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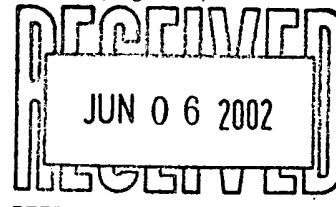
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing one hundred and twenty-eight (128) references. These references were of record in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/228,258, filed January 11, 1999, from which the above-identified application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), these references are not enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application or upon filing if this is a CPA or RCE, and no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), (b)(2), or (b)(4).

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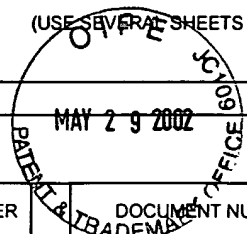
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